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SAMUEL P. SUTPHEN

Somerville Undertaker

Went personally to Phillips Farm to get the bodies. Hall's right hand was under Mrs. Mills' head and his straw hat was on his head. He saw no letters or cards. He arrived at the scene about two o'clock and was back in Somerville about quarter to three. County Physician Long on Sunday, September 17, just before Mrs. Mills' body had left for New Brunswick, gave Sutphen regular New Jersey death certificates. However, on Saturday afternoon about 4.30 Dr. Long, after he had examined Mr. Hall's body, orally ordered Sutphen to release it, which he did between 5.30 and 6.00 Saturday to a representative of Mr. Hubbard, the New Brunswick undertaker. Previously he had received two telephone calls from Mr. Hubbard's establishment and one call from an unknown New Brunswick city official. The bodies were searched in New Brunswick in the presence of Detective Totten, Dr. Long, Sheriff Conklin, Detective Novatto, Sutphen and his driver Joseph Dumond, at which time 62 cents in change was found in Dr. Hall's pocket and a folded pocket handkerchief which he gave to Totten or Conklin. As Sutphen was removing Dr. Hall's coat in his own establishment he found one 32 calibre bullet which he gave to Dr. Long. Sutphen gave some confused testimony about seeing part of a watch chain on Dr. Hall's clothes. Dr. Long examined Mrs. Mills between 9.00 and 10.00 Sunday morning and made an abdominal incision.

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August 17, 1926.

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TESTIFIED (pages 442 et seq.):

Received permits from County Physician Long on Sunday September 17 just before Mrs. Mills' body left for New Brunswick (442).

Personally went to Phillips Farm and got bodies (443).

Hall's right hand under Mrs. Mill's head. Straw hat over his head (443).

Saw no letters or cards (443).

Arrived in New Brunswick about 2 o'clock (443).

Arrived back in Somerville about quarter to three (443-4).

Mr. Hubbard's man got Dr. Hall's body between 5.30 and 6.00 Saturday, after two telephone calls from Mr. Hubbard's establishment and one unknown city official call from New Brunswick (443-5)

Received order about 4.30 Saturday from Dr. Long, after he had examined Hall's body, to release it. No written permits until Sunday. (446-7)

Sutphen found one 32 caliber bullet in his place as he was removing Dr. Hall's coat and gave it to Dr. Long (447-8).

Searched Dr. Hall's body in New Brunswick and found about 62 cents in change and a folded pocket handkerchief which he gave to Totten or Conkling. Did not see any letters (449).

Dr. Long examined Mrs. Mills' body between 9 and 10 Sunday morning and made abdominal incision. (450).

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CROSSEXAMINATION:

Sutphen received on Sunday from County Physician Long regular New Jersey death certificates (451).

When bodies were searched in New Brunswick there were present Totten, Dr. Long, Sheriff Conklin, Joseph Navota and Sutphen, and a driver, Joseph Demond, who still livees in Somverville (451-2)

Sutphen saw part of a watch chain in Dr. Hall's clothes (453).

Confused testimony about watch chain (453-4).